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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Talk with Director, FBI

25X1 1. On 14 October, at 3:30 P. M., I met with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover with [] present. The session lasted for an hour and a quarter, at which time I took my leave. Mr. Hoover asked if I would have a photograph taken with him, whereupon he called in a photographer and asked that a color shot be made. He invited [] to be included in the photograph and told me afterward that he would send me an autographed print. This is the first time to my knowledge that an FBI liaison officer has been photographed with his chief and a visitor. It gave me an opportunity to say to Mr. Hoover how fine a liaison officer [] is. Mr. Hoover agreed.

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4. The question of legislation to help the FBI and the Agency in situations like that created by [] was discussed and, although Mr. Hoover readily agreed that some sort of statute would be most useful, he ended up by pointing out how difficult it would be to get through Congress anything which might make it look as though one were keeping an American citizen from talking about almost anything he saw fit to talk about. He thought there might be some relief on the question of classified, written material, but I did not get the impression that he was too sanguine.

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5. During the meeting, Mr. Hoover ranged over a wide variety of topics. He pointed out that the President had given the FBI a mission of working with the Secret Service on presidential protection during overseas trips. He said that he was somewhat uncomfortable about this responsibility since the FBI did not have proper jurisdiction for this activity. He is obviously concerned over potential criticism of his organization if something should go wrong. He stated that some seventeen FBI agents had been sent to various stops on the President's current trip to beef up the complements of agents already on post in various parts of the Pacific area.

6. Mr. Hoover mentioned that Mr. Clyde Tolson has now recovered from his recent illness and appears to be in good health again.

7. At the end of the meeting and prior to the photograph, I had an opportunity to thank Mr. Hoover for all the help the FBI had given to the Agency and to me personally. I mentioned specifically the excellent relationships with Mr. William Sullivan and his associates. Mr. Hoover replied by saying that he would be glad to receive me at any time and wanted to be of help to the Agency on any matter which might arise.

Richard Helms
Director

cc: Chief, CI
Director of Security